

TANKERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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# Minutes of the Meeting of Tankersley Parish Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019

In attendance were: Cllr H Reckless (Chair), Cllr P Simpkin (Vice Chair), Cllr D Simpkin, Cllr D Simpson, Cllr R Lodge, Cllr C Smart (Acting Chair), Cllr R Garforth, Judith Hopkinson (TCA), N Holt (Clerk), Residents; Trevor Jones

- 1. No apologies were received for absence.
- 2. Declarations of pecuniary interest;

#### None

- **3**. The minutes of the meeting, held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019, were proposed as a true and correct record by Cllr D Simpson and seconded by Cllr D Simpkin. As such the Chair was authorised to sign them.
- **4.** The Clerk presented a report to Councillors, regarding ongoing issues and actions resulting from the last meeting;
- a) Ash Trees in Broad Ings The Clerk asked Cllr Reckless to provide an update re: an outstanding action to review the DVLP report. Cllr Reckless advised that she had not had the opportunity to review the report. Cllr Lodge, confirmed that he would now review the content of the DVLP report and report back to the Council at next month's meeting.
- b) Lidgett Lane The Clerk confirmed that she had e-mailed Councillor Barnard to provide an update re: Lidgett Lane for this month's meeting, however unfortunately Councillor Barnard wasn't present to advise. Cllr Reckless asked Cllr Simpson to provide an update. Cllr Simpson confirmed that following his inspection he had noted that there were a number of trees hanging over belonging to residents which would require correspondence issuing from BMBC for them to issue notice for them to be cut back. It was noted that behind the blind corner there is a depth of trees which could be taken out and recommended taking this back to the telegraph pole. Cllr Reckless asked for Cllr Simpson survey report to be re-issued to Councillor Barnard for him to discuss directly with BMBC the possibility of closing Lidgett Lane to undertake the felling of overgrown trees.

Councillors asked that the Clerk to forward all relevant correspondence onto Councillor Barnard.

c) Memorial Plaque, Jubilee Park – The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken direct to Rural Engineering who confirmed that the plague would be erected w/c 15/4/19. Clerk

asked if Councillors could feedback to herself if this has occurred and if not, she would request a refund to allow another plaque to be purchased.

- d) Residents proposing the inclusion of exercise equipment in the parks. The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Jo Birch BMBC Parks Officer for an update, however she was still awaiting a response.
- **5.** To discuss any **matters arising** from the minutes of the last meeting, not covered by agenda items.

None

#### 6. Financial Matters:

## a) Expenditure

i) Clerks Salary April '19	£320.75
ii) Clerks Expenses March '19	£Nil
iii) Moneysoft Payroll Software (Reimbursement to Clerk)	£81.60
iv) K Blantern – Training Handover	£108.85
v) YLCA Membership Renewal Fee	£436.00

## b) Income

i) Interest on Deposit account – March '19	£1.98
ii) BMBC – Annual Precept	£13,029.00

# c) Current and Deposit Account Statements as at 7th April 2019

Current	£17,411.09
Deposit	£12,471.67
Total	£29,882.76

### d) Other Financial Matters

- i) Councillors to consider and approve year end accounts for 2018/19 including official documentation to external auditors Councillors discussed the AGAR return and other supporting documentation and completed and signed this. The audit exemption form was also completed and the Clerk was asked to submit this to the internal auditors. Clerk to submit accounts documentation to the internal auditor and report back at the May meeting. Clerk confirmed that a hard copy was not available, however an electronic version had been sent out to all Councillors. Cllr Smart asked for a hard copy to be provided at the May meeting.
- ii) Councillors to consider internal financial controls Cllr Smart asked for this to be moved onto the May agenda to allow new Councillors to be involved with this process.
- iii) To discuss the current dog waste bag stock levels and agree to purchase additional supplies, if required Cllr Garforth confirmed there were 2/3rds of bags remaining as 3,000 had been previously ordered, leaving 2,000 bags remaining. It was agreed to review this at the next meeting in May. Cllr Smart enquired who would replenish the stock of bags now Cllr Garforth had resigned from the Parish Council. It was agreed to review all Councillors responsibilities at the next meeting.
- iv) To receive an invoice from the outgoing Clerk, for hours accrued during the training handover period The Clerk confirmed that this had been received and Councillors authorised the payment.
- v) Councillors to propose any items for Future Expenditure Cllr Reckless advised the Council to review this in line with the 10yr Parish Plan and review the low priorities. It was confirmed that the plan was created in 2014, therefore it was now was a good time to review its priorities.

vi) To consider Any Other Financial Matters - None received.

## 7. Planning

- 7.1 To consider and decide upon the following planning applications;
  - i) None Received
- 7.2 To receive information on the following additional or ongoing planning issues and decide further action where necessary;
  - i) To receive an update on planning application 2018/1361 Development off New Road (Old Marron's Site). Resident Lynn Loxley was unable to attend to raise her concerns re: rats on the site & boundary fence to Thorncliffe Way. Councillors agreed to keep the agenda item on for next month's meeting in May, when building works should have commenced.

## 8. Community Action and Communication

To accept reports, and agree appropriate action, in relation to;

a) Fly tipping - Residents Trevor Jones raised concerns that there had been a number of items such as TV's and chairs situated near the car park gate on Black Lane. Councillors asked that the clerk to report fly tipping to BMBC.

### b) Dog Waste/ Nuisance

i) Pilley Pocket Park – Cllr Reckless raised concerns regarding a Facebook post she had posted on the Tankersley Parish FB Page a couple weeks ago of dog waste being left in Pilley Pocket Park. The response had led to a number of residents identifying the dog owner which had been reported onto BMBC by the Parish Clerk.

## c) Anti-Social Behaviour

- i) Broad Ings Woodland The Clerk confirmed that a further report had been received from a resident of anti-social behavior. Cllr Reckless confirmed that she had visited the site following the report and spoke to the youths in question who had lit a fire whilst sheltering under the huts. Cllr Reckless went onto add that the work which had been undertaken would not be able to be sustained due to other community priorities across the Borough. Cllr Smart asked if Cllr Reckless could report back to the Councillors in May on what further work was scheduled to take place in Broad Ings Woodland from now to July 2019. Cllr Reckless agreed to report back in May and added that there would be an ongoing presence to finish the footpaths.
- e) Facebook (FB) Cllr Reckless asked for Councillors to consider a replacement Councilor to be identified following her resignation, for managing the Tankersley Parish Council FB site, as it was a useful communication tool in getting instant messages out to residents. Cllr Smart agreed to make contact with a social media specialist to provide advise to the Councillors moving forward on communication tools and for this to be discussed at the next meeting in May. Cllr Smart acknowledged that the Parish Council needed to be more proactive and asked if Councillors would consider holding monthly meeting with residents to try and reach out to residents who do not use social media and an engagement tool.
- d) Other Matters Mr T Jones St Peters Church Warden attended to report BMBC Waste Management issue at St Peters Church on Black Lane. Mr. Jones confirmed that he had been issued notice by BMBC Waste Management Service with effect from the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to notify St Peters Church that they can no longer empty bins in rural areas and that the previous domestic bins situated by St Peters Church

to dispose of waste flowers had been replaced by four industrial sized bins, located at the bottom of Black Lane. This would mean that the volunteer Church Warden has to transport garden waste from the cemetery down to the bottom of Black Lane which was previously collected by the BMBC Waste Management service. Mr. Jones raised concern regarding not being able to physically transport the industrial sized bins up and down Black Lane himself which Councillors acknowledged was a health & safety concern along with also now attracting other waste such as fly tipping at the bottom of Black Lane where the new bins are situated. Mr Jones went onto add, that Black Lane is often littered with used hypodermic needles. which he could be exposed to as he is having to manually transport the garden waste down Black Lane from St Peters Church himself which is a further health & safety concern. Mr Jones confirmed that he had tried to resolve this matter himself to get BMBC Waste Management Service to continue to collect garden waste from the St Peters Church bins at the top of Black Lane, however he had received no support from BMBC and therefore asked if the Parish Council could raise this issue on his behalf.

Councillors asked that the Clerk to formally write directly to Paul Castle – Service Director Environment & Transport for BMBC to raise this complaint and concerns.

- **9.** Matters requested by Councillors; None
- **10.** Group Reports; None Received
- **11.** Notice of uncontested Election May 2019. Clerk confirmed notice of uncontested election received from BMBC Electoral Services for May 2019. Tankersley West Ward: John Hopkinson, Trevor Jones, David Laughton, Dennis Simpson, Carol Smart Tankersley East Ward: Robert Lodge
- **12.** To receive **Correspondence** and agree appropriate actions None Received

There being no other business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.55pm. Date of next meeting Monday 20th May 2019.